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REMARKS

1. *Claim Numbering*

Applicants have corrected the claim numbering to provide only one status for claim 7 as requested in the October 4, 2005, Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

2. *Status of Claims*

Prior to entry of the amendments, claims 1-32 were pending with claims 7-10, 16-22 and 24 allowed, claims 11-15 and 23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, and claims 1-6 and 25-32 withdrawn from consideration. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner indicating the allowability of claims 7-10, 16-22 and 24. After entry of the claim amendments, claims 7-24 are pending and under consideration.

3. *Claim Amendments*

Claims 1-6 and 25-32 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to use proper Markush group language and use commas to separate the Markush group members. Claims 13, 15, and 23 have been amended to correct antecedent basis issues noted by in the Office Action dated June 30, 2005. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments made herein.

4. *Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112*

Claims 11, 13-15, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being "indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as their invention." Specifically, Page 2 of the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, states that claim 11 is confusing due to the use of semicolons instead of commas to separate the members of the "A" group. Additionally, claims 13-15 and claim 23 were rejected due to insufficient antecedent basis for the phrase "the oxygen barrier layer." Applicants note that no formal reason was provided for the rejection of claim 12 and have assumed that claim 12 stands rejected for depending from a rejected claim.

Claims 11, 13, 15, and 23 have been amended to more distinctly state the subject matter which the applicants hold as their invention. Specifically, claim 11 has been amended to use proper Markush group language and use commas to separate Markush group members. Claims 13, 15, and 23 have been amended to remove the phrase "the oxygen barrier layer." Thus, the rejection of claims 13-15 and claim 23 for insufficient antecedent basis for the phrase "the oxygen barrier layer" is now moot.

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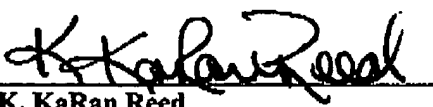
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5. *Final Remarks*

In view of the amendments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 7-24 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent attorney at (832) 813-4339 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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